IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 15839 of 2006

Date of Decision : 29.9.2006

Angrej Singh ..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another. ...Respondents

CORAM : Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S.Khehar,
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.D. Anand.

Present : Mr. Sarbjit Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

J.S. Khehar, J. (Oral)

The petitioner's father, who was engaged as a Constable in the Police Department of the State Government, died in harness on 10.6.1995. On account of the death of his father in harness, the petitioner submitted an application/representation for appointment on compassionate grounds under the Ex-gratia Scheme of the State Government on 5.3.2002, i.e. almost seven years after the death of his father. The aforesaid application was allegedly filed in the year 2002 on account of the fact that the petitioner attained the age of 18 years in 2002. The claim of the petitioner was rejected by an order dated 31.10.2005 (Annexure P/4). It is this order rejecting the claim of the petitioner for appointment on compassionate grounds, which is subject matter of challenge at the hands of the petitioner through the instant writ petition.

Having considered the entire matter in its totality, we are of the view, that the appointment on compassionate grounds is to overcome an

extreme situation of financial hardship emerging out of the death of a Government employee in harness. Insofar as the father of the petitioner is concerned, he is stated to have died on 10.6.1995, more than a decade before the filing of the instant writ petition. There is hardly any justification for the petitioner to be appointed on compassionate grounds under the Ex-gratia scheme of the State Government.

In view of the above, we find no merit in this petition and the same is accordingly dismissed.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

September 29, 2006
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(S.D. Anand)
Judge